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LETTER DATED 29 NOVEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 8 to 15 November 1993, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation.

Date	Details
8 November 1993	(a) Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,500-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Zakho, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah and Dokan.
	(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,500-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samarra, Qurnah, Artawi, Lasaf and Khidr.
9 November 1993	(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in this region on 9 November 1993.
	(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samarra, Qurnah, Artawi and Busayyah.
	At 1337 hours a TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft conducted a reconnaissance flight over Qurnah, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude 20,000 m. It disappeared from sight at 1415 hours over Jabal Sanam, heading for Kuwaiti airspace.
10 November 1993	(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in this region on 10 November 1993.
	(b) Southern region: 2 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 8,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah and Artawi.

11 November 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in this region on 11 November 1993.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Samarra, Artawi, Busayyah, Lasaf, Ushbayjah and Jalibah.

12 November 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was recorded in this region on 12 November 1993.

(b) Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samarra, Artawi and Busayyah.

At 1512 hours the sound barrier was broken by an aggressor formation over Qurnah, flying at an altitude of 8,000 m.

13 November 1993

(a) Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,500-7,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 31 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,500-9,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samarra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah and Jalibah.

At 1235 hours a TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude 20,000 m conducted a reconnaissance flight, centred on Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Shatrah, southern Diwaniyah and southern Najaf. It disappeared from sight at 1454 hours over Artawi, heading for Kuwaiti airspace.

14 November 1993

(a) Northern region: 29 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,500-8,500 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samarra, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Amarah, Artawi, Busayyah, Suq al-Shaykh, Salman, southern Diwaniyah, Ushbayjah and Shatrah.

15 November 1993

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,500-8,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samarra, Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah and southern Diwaniyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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